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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN THINKING RE COMPOSITION FAHMY'S DELEGATION

1. OMAR SIRRI TELEPHONED TO SAY FAHMY WANTS TO FINALIZE, TODAY IF POSSIBLE, THE COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION WHICH WILL ACCOMPANY HIM TO WASHINGTON. SIRRI AND UNDERSEC MAHMUD ABD AL-GHAFFAR WILL BE ALONG. FOR ABD AL-GHAFFAR, THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST TRIP TO US. THERE WILL PROBABLY ALSO BE OTHER MFA PERSONNEL.

2. ALREADY TENTATIVELY DECIDED AS MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION, ACCORDING TO SIRRI, ARE (A) THE MINISTER OF PLANNING ISMAIL SABRI ABDULLAH, (B) AN UNDERSECRETARY OF MINAG, (C) AN OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF RECONSTRUCTION (BUT NOT MINISTER OSMAN), AND (D) AN OFFICIAL FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE. DID I HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS?

3.
I ASSURED SIRRI THAT WE WOULD WELCOME ANYONE GOE WOULD LIKE TO SEND AND DO UTMOST MAKE VISIT A SUCCESS. AS FOR ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS, I RECALLED SECRETIRY SIMON HAD DISCUSSED WITH MINFIN ABD AL-FATTAH HIS
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READINESS TO RECEIVE TWO EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS DRAFTING

TAX REFORM PROGRAM AND WONDERED IF THEY MIGHT USEFULLY BE INCLUDED. SIRRI WAS NOT AWARE OF OFFER, BUT UNDERTOOK TO CHECK WITH MINFIN RE LATTER'S WISHES. SIRRI ALSO WONDERED OUT LOUD IF A MEMBER OF THE EGYPTIAN SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY AND OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE SHOULD GO. I EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW SUCH REPRESENTATION MIGHT BE USEFUL IN CONNECTION WITH ORGANIZATION OF PERTINENT JWGS.

4. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY IF SOMEONE FROM TAHIR AMIN'S OFFICE OR THE NEWLY NAMED COORDINATOR FOR US ASSISTANCE, AHMED EZZET (CAIRO 5572), WOULD GO, SIRRI SAID HE HAD SUGGESTED THESE TO FAHMY, BUT LATTER HAD TURNED DOWN IDEA.

5. IF WE HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY SINCE FAHMY WOULD LIKE TO SEND THE LIST TO PRESIDENT SADAT FOR APPROVAL ASAP. FROM ALL INDICATIONS, GOE SEEMS TO HAVE DECIDED IT IS PRUDENT TO KEEP REPRESENTATION TO SUB-MINISTERIAL LEVEL SINCE IT IS UNCERTAIN ABOUT WHAT CONCRETE RESULTS WILL EMERGE FROM AUGUST MEETINGS. UNLESS WE HAVE SOME SPECIFIC WISHES, I THINK THIS IS A MATTER WE SHOULD LEAVE ENTIRELY TO OUR EGYPTIAN FRIENDS. WILL ADVISE ONCE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION IS FINALIZED.
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